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FOUR PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, ... FOUR CANCELLATIONS AT THE LAST MOMENT / SO I DECIDED TONIGHT WOULD BE DIFFERENT / NO MORE BRUSH - OFFS /



LAMONT, A DREAM-BOAT LIKE YOU SAILS BY ONCE IN A GIRL'S LIFETIME (AND I DON'T INTEND TO MISS THAT BOAT (GOT THE MESSAGE, MY SWEET?

I READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR! BUT SPEAKING OF MESSAGES...



I MUST CHECK WITH MARGO LANE, MY SECRETARY, TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY FINAL CALLS FOR THE DAY!















































































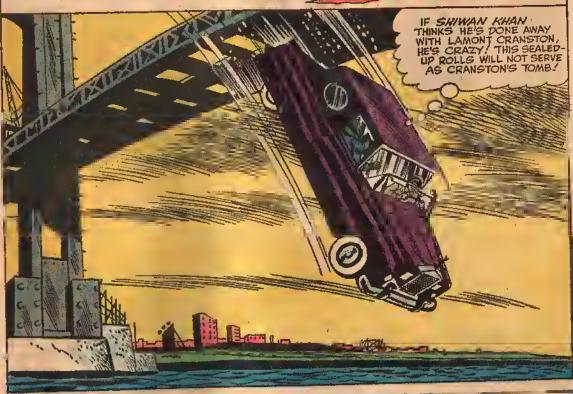






PARTIFOR SHIWAN KHAN'S HOUSE OF HORRORS WATCH HOW THE RUTHLESS DESCENDANT OF GENGHIS KHAN PRODUCES A PRIVATE, ONE -MAN SHOW AT THE WORLD'S FAIR ... FOR THE SHOCKING DESTRUCTION OF HIS ARCH -ENEMY ...



































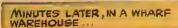






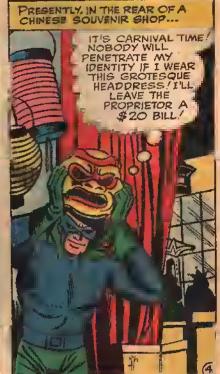
















































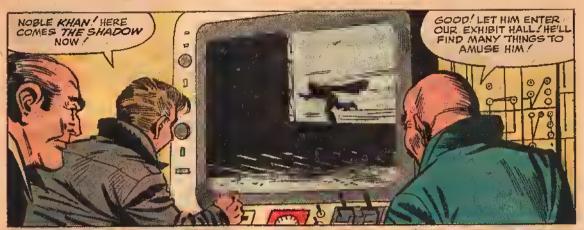




























































ET WAS AN ORDINARY DAY AT LAMONT CRANSTON'S OFFICE! CORRESPONDENCE TO GET OUT, BUSINESS TO TRANS-ACT... BUT CRANSTON'S LIFE AND DEATH DEPENDED, AS ALWAYS, ON HOW HE GOT THING'S DONE! FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S THE CASE OF ... THE

"PRINCESS OF DEATH"

















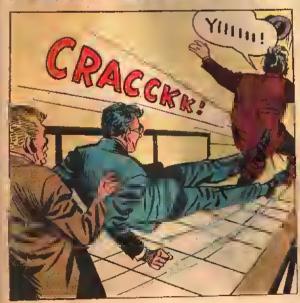












































CHAPTER THREE

By THE TIME Lamont Cranston left Egypt he had learned a number of vitally important things, First, he realized that by some prank of fate he had become an utteriy unique human being, with psychic powers beyond helief. He could instantly hypnotize any living creature and make him totally obedient to his command. Even more shocking, he had discovered that he possessed the eerie genius to convey any image, impression, concept to the hrain of his victim and make him see only what Cranston wanted him to see. He could extract confessions of guilt from cunning criminals. He could make the strongest mind suppose anything Cranston wanted him to. In short, Cranston was supreme master of the human mind.

The second thing he realized as he leaned over the railing of a small tourist steamer heading for Greece, was that this power could he put to some positive good. Not for his own gain, for Cranston had money enough to burn. Using his phenomenal skills to line his pockets was nonsensicai. To make a career out of amusing audiences as a super-hypnotist was equally out of the question. Then wbat? What could he do that would be of value, not to himself, but to those around him . . . the downtrodden, the oppressed, the prey of evil forces and evil men? Yes, there lay his destiny. He could direct his occult energies into combatting evil wherever it existed! But what cause, what organization would accept his assistance? Should he join the U.S. secret service? The CIA? This might do his country some good. But the enemies of the American ideal were not only of the political sort. They could also he criminals, flends and what-have-you. . . . Master viliains who plan evil to acquire personal wealth, not mere political power.

But even as Cranston's mind churned over the possibilities of a new life, chance pointed the way. As he gazed at the foaming waters below, muiling over what course his life would

now take, he beard a choked cry that seemed to come from a companion-way beneatb the bridge. Whirling, he noticed several struggling men. One man in the middle seemed to be battling desperately against three others who seemed hent on pushing their lone antagonist toward the ship's railing. There was no mis-taking their intent. One had clapped a hand over the intended victim's mouth. One kept his arm twisted hehind his back in a sort of hammer-lock. The third was dragging the poor fellow toward the rail. Cranston glanced about swiftly, instinctively slipping into the shadows along the line of cabins, Nobody was around to Interfere nor to summon help. If any one were to assist this hedeviled stranger it was himself. But Cranston was unarmed. Unarmed with a firearm, that is. But Cranston had taken every hoxing championship in his division in college. So actually he was not "un-armed." He feit in his pocket for a tiny pen-knife. An idea had struck him. Slitheringly, as still as a moonbeam, he moved along the deck. Just as noiselessly, he took his tiny hlade and cut out the shape of a poncho out of some dark canvas that covered one of the lifeboats. Darkness, he kept muttering to himself . . . darkness is what I need! Wrapped in darkness I wili be able to sneak up on this murderous trio. Swiftly cloaking himself in the hiack sailcloth, he hecame a darting black object that went unseen amongst the shadows that lay between him and the life-and-death struggie that was taking place. Before the villains know what was happening, a living shadow separated itself from the general darkness of the foredeck and leaped upon the unholy trio. One blow of Cranston's fist sent the man who held his prey in a hammerlock reeling across the deck like a clubbed ox. The man who had been stifling the panicked man's hreath let out a screech as Cranston gave him a judo-chop behind the neck. Then he collapsed like a sack. The third one stopped dragging and pulled a revolver hastily from his shoulder holster . . . but not hastily enough. One blow from Cranston's fist sent him intoobiivion. Soon the intended victim and the hooded figure were the only persons left standing. Wonderingly, the set-upon man stared at Cranston. "Thanks," he gasped. "They almost had me. But who are you?" His question stirred Cranston's sense of humor. Instead of replying, he chuckled as he withdrew into the shadows. His reply was unvoiced. Had the man heard it, he would have caught four history-making words: "Only THE SHADOW knows!" Yes . . . in only a few instants, THE SHADOW had been horn!

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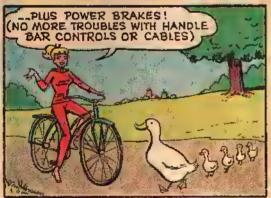
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